

Decker Health Science Center Opens

After years of planning, fundraising, construction, construction delays, and more fundraising, BCC's new Decker Health Science Center is ready for its official grand opening this spring.

The 60,000 square foot building now houses the college's seven allied health programs: Dental Hygiene, Health Information Technology, Medical Assistant Technology, Medical Lab Technology, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and Physical Therapist Assistant.

Prior to Decker these programs were scattered all over campus, sometimes in less than adequate spaces. The new Center will allow for better efficiencies in space and staff utilization, room for program growth and develop-

ment, and new state-of-the-art equipment.

The \$10M construction cost, like all campus capital projects, was split 50/50 between New York State and Broome County. However, due to a hugely successful campaign for private donations, the County share was reduced by \$1.5M. The Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation gave the college a \$1M matching grant that kicked off, and made possible, the Center project. The BCC Foundation raised the remaining \$500,000 from other private foundations and individuals to complete the \$1.5M in donated construction cost monies.

More recently, a second Foundation drive raised an additional \$1M for instructional equipment. Again, generous support was provided by the Decker Foundation.

The Decker Center will include a variety of enhancement to the college in addition to modern classrooms and labs: the Hoyt Conference Center is a three-tiered space specially designed for seminars, conferences, and multimedia presentations; the Terrace is an outdoor second-story building wraparound designed for fair-weather receptions and special events; a computer center features a variety of self-paced tutorial equipment; and, a spacious reception room welcomes clients to the College's Dental Clinic.

The allied health programs now consolidated in the Decker



Claire Ligeikis-Clayton, Chairperson of BCC's Nursing Department, packs up the last of her books as she prepares to move from 901 Front Street to her new office in the Decker Health Science Center.

Center are the primary suppliers of healthcare professionals for South-central New York and North-central Pennsylvania. Most of the fully accredited, two-year programs are the only ones found within a 75-mile radius. For this reason, all area hospitals, medical and dental clinics and doctors' and dentists' offices rely heavily on BCC graduates, of which there are approximately 110 annually.

The new Decker Center was designed by Perkins Eastman Architects and built by four prime contractors: Daniel J. Lynch, Inc. (General); James L. Lewis, Inc. (HVAC); Piccirilli-Slovik and Vincent (Plumbing); and Panko Electrical and Maintenance. ■



Frank Piccirilli, of PS&V Plumbing and Heating, installs the final sink spout in one of the many Health Science labs in the Decker Health Science Center.



Above, even the children of the BCC Day Care Center contributed toys to Santa and Toys for Tots.

The Giving of the Toys

This past December, BCC repeated its novel and generous way of getting ready for the holidays: the Second Annual *Giving of the Toys* to benefit Toys for Tots.

Accompanied by the sounds of the season, provided by the BCC Choir, and the taste of hot chocolate and donuts, provided through Student Activities, more than 50 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations, and hundreds of individuals, presented toys to Santa outside the Student Center on December 11. Santa Claus, known the rest of the year as Business Professor Glen Wood, accepted the gifts with the

assistance of Student Government Association "elves," who placed the gifts in a large toy box until they could be transferred to the local Toys

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Above, Tim Ross, left, and Adam Smith, along with the rest of BCC's Men's Basketball team, donated basketballs to The Giving of the Toys.

At right, the BCC Choir, directed by Gerald Grahame, led the way through some traditional Christmas songs as part of the day's events.



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George McGovern Delivers Heartfelt Message on Campus

In March 1997, BCC Psychology professor Jacqueline Shrader attended a conference at Harvard University on "Treating the Addictions." She was one of more than 1,000 in attendance, but the only one to make a connection with one of the speakers, former US Senator and Presidential Candidate George McGovern.

She bought the last copy available at the conference of McGovern's latest book, *Terry, My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle with Alcoholism*, and asked him to sign it, just before he was to address the audience.

During the brief conversation Shrader and McGovern had during the book signing, McGovern was impressed to learn that Shrader was an educator helping to develop a new program in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling.

McGovern was very emotional during his hour-long presentation, one of the first he'd given about the loss of his daughter. During the speech, he broke down several times, and each time he focused on Shrader, sitting in the center of the second row, as he composed himself.

When the speakers were all finished, McGovern waited for Shrader, took her aside, and discussed with her the events that led to his presentation.

"He was very moved by the fact that we'd started a program that would raise the expertise of professionals in the field of alcohol and drug abuse counseling," said Shrader. "About one-

third to one-half of the counselors in the substance abuse field are not college educated. They're former abusers. McGovern knew the importance of the education we were providing. When we spoke, he sat back in his chair and said 'Thank goodness.'"

Shrader asked McGovern why it was such an emotional address for him. McGovern's response was: "It made me angry and profoundly sad because education, clinicians and research had failed me and my family, and ultimately Terry, because she died."

When they parted, McGovern told Shrader that if there was anything he could do to help with her program, she could call on him.

In May, BCC's Drug Prevention Committee requested an emphasis on drug and alcohol abuse for the school year theme — and the committee asked Shrader if she could get McGovern to speak on campus. About the time of the meeting, McGovern was speaking at Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, so she went to personally reconnect with him and find out how to bring him to Broome Community College. McGovern gave her the number of his personal agent, and, by the end of May, everything was in place for him to be the Keynote speaker of the fall Convocation, kicking off the yearlong theme.

Shrader, like many others on campus, voted for McGovern in his bid for the presidency in 1972. But, over the last 25 years he has fallen out of the public view. So when he committed to



Former Senator George McGovern, Presidential candidate in 1972, signs his book for an admirer. McGovern spoke on campus, on the topic of his daughter's death due to alcoholism.

speak at BCC, there was an excitement and wonderment about how he'd changed.

"I was surprised how he came off," said Shrader. "I'd never seen him compromised emotionally when speaking to a large group. He's spoken to thousands of people during his political career, but he wasn't accustomed to speaking about his daughter. When I saw him at Harvard, I really felt badly for him."

Norah Breen, BCC's student trustee, also remembered McGovern as a presidential nominee, but saw a different person, at BCC, than the 1972 McGovern.

"I wasn't looking at him as a presidential nominee. I don't know who could look at him and not see a father," said Breen. "I saw him as a father who still loves his daughter. I think what he's doing takes a lot of courage."

Another younger student knew nothing of the presidential

candidate McGovern; for her he was an honest and accessible speaker on an important topic.

"I didn't see him as a political type," said 20-year-old Mandie Weber, BCC's student government president. "I was able to relate to the stories about his daughter. He certainly got everyone to think more about alcoholism."

"Students within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling program were able to get a real sense of meaning with the family issues of addiction, and get a full understanding of addiction itself from the client's perspective," said Shrader. "The students not in the curriculum were stunned by the fact that three hundred and fifty people die each day in this country of alcoholism. It's a disease that affects everyone who knows the alcoholic."

McGovern called Shrader back about 10 days after the convocation and asked if she'd let him

know of any student whose life was affected by the speech.

"Because if one person experienced an impact from the convocation, Terry's death will be justified," said McGovern to Shrader.

Since his daughter's death, McGovern has taken on the issue of alcoholism full-force. Besides the book, he's established the nonprofit, tax-exempt McGovern Family Foundation to raise funds to support research on alcoholism with the emphasis on chronic relapses and special difficulties facing women; he's working with the American Society of Addiction Medicine to advance their agenda of raising doctors' awareness of alcoholism; he's a member of the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Health's Division on Alcoholism; and he's national spokesman for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

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Determined Newcomer Wins Faculty Award

Paval A. Shindyakov was the 1997-1998 recipient of Broome Community College's Faculty Association Scholarship.

Shindyakov was born in the Moscow District of Russia in March 1968, and moved to the United States in 1994. In the fall of 1994 he enrolled at BCC to study English, Mathematics and prerequisites for his major in

Health Information Technology.

He will graduate from that program next summer with a 4.0 grade-point average.

Part of the criteria for the scholarship is the candidate's contribution to the campus and community. Shindyakov has excelled in this respect.

On campus, Shindyakov has been a work-study student in

Media Services for the last two years. This position has allowed him to be a vital part of numerous campus events that are an integral part of the college experience.

He is also a notetaker for various classes and students and, on an informal basis, he has organized and facilitated study groups.

He's also tutored an evening adjunct computer instructor on using software which was unfamiliar to her.

While still a teenager in Moscow in 1985, Shindyakov entered the Moscow Institute of Culture studying orchestral conducting, bringing him one step closer to fulfilling his dream of becoming a musician. Upon graduation he became a balalaika teacher in one of the music schools in the Moscow District.

Lack of religious freedom caused him to flee Russia for the United States. In doing so, he realized music wasn't going to pay the rent. However, the pastor at the Church of Christian Gospel

Faith asked him to play balalaika music for the congregation. His performance, which moved many of the congregation's members, resulted in his quick identification as church choir conductor.

He is also a volunteer for the American-Russian Institute for Adaptation of Portland (ARIA-P) a nonprofit, self-help group representing the interests of refugees for religious motives from the former Soviet Union.

Shindyakov and his wife Vera have five children. ■

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Russian Visitors are Shown the Ropes

In early November, ten Russian businesspeople arrived in Binghamton for a five-week stay. The guests' trip was made possible by a \$127,000 grant from the United States Information Agency (USIA), written by Broome Community College. During their visit, the businesspeople job-shadowed local businesses and lived with host families in the Triple Cities.

Job-shadowing provided the Russian businesspeople experiences in settings that matched their professional interests. Each individual spent three to four days per week working in a local business, and some worked in two different organizations.

"We met with the guests once a week for evaluation, making sure the businesses they were with met their needs," said BCC's Anne Blakeslee, project coordinator.

The local businesses that participated were Fred Riger Advertising, Wyoming Conference Home (a children's home in Hillcrest), NYSEG, Aktratun

(machine company), the Small Business Administration, and the Broome County Chamber of Commerce.

"We've had a good response from local businesses," said Blakeslee.

Each local business dedicated time and resources to host a participant. They were not paid for their efforts, but volunteered to help the Russian businessmen in their endeavors back home.

"Even though they're getting a whirlwind perspective, the experience should help them develop their businesses in Russia," said Blakeslee. "It will also help our businesses understand how things work in Russia, so we can develop a networking channel between communities."

The Russian guests were Natalia Viktorovna Baskakova, director of multimedia, Novgorod State University; Yelena Vladimirovna Belan, marketing sales manager, wood processing company; Nikolai Georgievich Belov, food service manager; Alexander Alexandrovitch



Linda Spickard, left, BCC's Director of Sponsored Programs, and BOCES' Harry Barnes helped Alexey Vinogradov cross a bridge during a half-day team building course at BOCES. The 10 Russian businesspeople and numerous BCC staff and community volunteers took part in the course on the first day the Russian guests spent in Binghamton as a warm-up for their five-week stay. The majority of the exercises required non-verbal communications, which alleviated the communication barrier in the problem-solving exercises.

Boreskin, vice president, financial investment company; Yuri Yurjevich Crasavin, advertising director; Mikhail Alexandrovich Koustov, team manager, computer network services; Adrei Nikolayevich Kuchin, professional translation services; Lyubov Iosifovna Romanova, deputy director, container cargo; Helena Vladimirovna Udaltsova, auditing and financial management; and Alexey Alexandrovich Vinogradov, auto mechanic.

American hosts were: Dick and

Barbara Bartholomew, Sandra Warner, Gail Yaus, Don and Judy Dellow, Herman and Erika Schmid, Libby Knapp, Don and Mary Beck, and Doris Reed

On weekends the Russian guests traveled, taking scheduled trips to Niagara Falls, Washington, DC, and Rochester, to add to their understanding of the US.

Ten more Russians will visit the area in the spring for a 2½- to 3-week visit. They will represent the legal system and governmental professions. ■

Orientation Gets Students on the Right Track

Dave Maslar, BCC's Student Activities Director, remembers well the first New Student Orientation he was in charge of eight years ago:

"I saw two students poke their heads into the doorway of the gymnasium, not wanting to commit their whole bodies across the threshold. The head of the Counseling Center at the time saw the two students too, and reassuringly brought them into the gym so they could take part in the orientation. That moment made me realize that so many young people are very apprehensive about coming to school."

And years later, things haven't changed.

"I was nervous," said Freshman Erica Foster. "I was really worried about the upcoming semester."

On August 20, approximately 300 new students and 50 parents

showed up on campus, on a rainy, cold, blustery day, for New Student Orientation, held under two large tents in the main parking lot.

Students were seated at tables with various faculty and staff members. In their introductions, the faculty and staff members went through the student handbook and explained a little about "college life."

"We initially seated students with faculty or staff members so they had someone to identify with right off the bat," said Maslar. "In the first couple of weeks the students are still finding their way around campus, getting used to being back in school, and getting to know their professors. The faculty or staff

members they sat with during orientation gave students their office hours and phone numbers so the students would have someone to talk to if any problems developed."

"I had a guidance counselor at my table," said Foster. "He introduced himself and gave out his business card. That made coming to the orientation and college a lot easier. I instantly had someone to talk to."

College President Donald Dellow greeted the crowd, followed by Maslar. Fran Battisti, Social Science professor and Professional Development coordinator, took over then, giving a friendly, motivational talk. "I try to give a sense of meaning for being at BCC this semester," said Battisti, "a clearer understanding of what their goal is in being here."

"The speakers definitely

motivated me for school," said Foster. "I was really pumped up to do well."

"We're a small school and a warm school," said Maslar. "That's what we're trying to get across. Even on a cold, rainy day, we tried to convey some warmth." The students seemed to pick up on that. They were attentive and participatory during Maslar's and Battisti's talks. Many were pleased that the college President addressed them. "The President's address showed that the College really cares about the students," said Foster. "I was encouraged to get through and do well."

One of the things that Maslar hoped the students took with them is the recognition that college isn't just sitting in a chair, in a classroom, listening to a lecture.

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International Students at BCC

In 1971, there were seven students from six different countries that composed Broome Community College's International Student program. That was the beginning of what is now one of the best community college International Student programs in the country. That program is now, and has been since its inception, under the supervision of Alan Bennett, BCC's Acting Director of Counseling and Student Development.

In the early 1970s, the international student population more than doubled. To get a better handle on the special needs of the rapidly growing foreign-based population, Bennett acquired a travel grant from the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA) to visit two community colleges that already had comprehensive international student programs.

Upon his return, Bennett submitted his report, which included numerous recommendations and suggestions for developing and implementing a viable international student

program. By 1974, the international student population had reached the high 20s. The Admissions Office had established certain criteria and developed effective communications with prospective international students. Once on campus, the students found help in securing housing, and were oriented to the college and the community. Courses in English and Speech were developed. An international students' club formed, and the foreign population became more visible on campus.

By 1976, BCC had a flourishing reputation for having a good international program. Rockland Community College approached BCC to see if we would accept seven Kuwaiti students sponsored by their embassy. This was BCC's first experience in dealing with foreign embassies and sponsored students.

The Kuwaiti students did so well academically, transferring to reputable four-year schools and reporting back to the embassy that their experience at BCC was positive, the Kuwaiti Embassy

began to send even more students to BCC. One semester there were 52 sponsored students from Kuwait. This experience enhanced BCC's reputation even more, and allowed the college to continue developing and improving the International Student

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program. Soon there were small groups of sponsored students from Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia attending BCC.

In 1977, the College was selected to participate in the Nigerian Manpower Project, sponsored by the US State Department. This was our first experience with US State Department-sponsored students. That program resulted in 16 Nigerian students enrolled in the Chemical and Electrical Technol-

ogy programs. After two years, all 16 students received their AAS degrees.

By 1980, the total number of international students had risen to more than 120, and the College was becoming recognized as having one of the better two-year international programs in New York State. That same year, BCC was invited to participate in a program sponsored by the Malaysian government, which sent 20 students to the college. The success rate of the first group was so great the Malaysian government continued sending students each semester.

In 1987, BCC was one of nine community colleges in the nation selected to participate in the Central American Peace Scholarship Program (CAPS). That program brought 21 Panamanian students to BCC.

In the spring semester of 1988, BCC had a total of 106 international students. From 1990 to 1997, the total number of international students on campus has fluctuated, but has always remained above 100. The peak was the fall semester of 1991, when there were 141 international students enrolled. The fall

of 1996 saw the greatest influx of new international students, when 51 were accepted.

Though there has always been a mixture of countries represented at BCC, lately there's a growth in Korean, Taiwanese and Japanese students. Another change is in the degree programs in which the students are enrolling. In the beginning, there was a large population of international students in the Computer Science and Engineering Science curricula. Now the trend is moving toward Business and Liberal Arts education.

In the spring semester of 1997, 102 International students, representing 29 countries, were attending BCC. 48 students graduated, transferred, or returned to their home countries after the term. For the fall semester of 1997, there were 40 new International students on the BCC campus. The highest number of new students (five) were from Japan, followed by Honduras and Taiwan with four each, and the Dominican Republic and Guatemala, each of whom sent three new students to BCC. ■

Health Sciences Curricula Have Impact on the Community

HIT Alum Wins NYS Distinction Award

Jennifer Staniszewski, a 1995 graduate of BCC's Health Information Technology program, received this year's Partner of Distinction Award. The award is given annually by the New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program.

Staniszewski's award was based on her work on a pilot program in which the main goal was encouraging women to return to their healthcare providers for yearly mammograms. The recall project was an extensive six-month endeavor.

"Broome Community College gave me a great foundation," said Staniszewski. "I learned so many things in the Health Information Technology program that prepared me for future successes."

For the last two years, Staniszewski has been a Health Program Specialist for the Broome County Health Depart-

ment, under a grant from the NYS Breast and Cervical Cancer Education and Early Detection Program. One of the things she enjoyed the most in that position was helping BCC students during the Directed Practice portion of their curriculum.

"I was able to see the next generation of professionals," said Staniszewski. "I felt I was preparing them for the real world."

Stacy Carroll was one of the BCC students that worked on the project as part of her six-month Directed Practice. The second-year Health Information Technology student found the experience very fulfilling.

"I was able to reach out to the people in need," said Carroll. "It made me feel like I was contributing to the team."

College Offers Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists

Recent changes in New York

State law now require dental hygienists to earn 24 classroom hours of continuing education in order to renew their licenses. Every three years, dental hygienists must apply for re-licensing. With the assistance and consultation of the BCC Dental Hygiene Department, the Center for Community Education now offers ongoing workshops that fulfill the requirement of the state.

The BCC Center for Community Education applied for and received authorization to develop and offer workshops and training programs for the dental hygiene community. BCC's Community Education is the lead agent for a consortium of community colleges offering comprehensive dental hygiene programs. To date, BCC is working with Corning and Cayuga Community Colleges to offer training throughout upstate New York. More than 300 professionals have taken advantage of classes, on

topics ranging from infection control to fluoride therapies. Additional classes will be added this spring, on such topics as advanced instrumentation and hepatitis in the dental office.

Anyone interested in more information on these programs can call 778-5012.

Nursing Students Training at the Forefront

The Broome Community College Department of Nursing is responding to the shift of health care delivery from acute care settings to community-based settings, by providing students with experiences in community agencies.

The practice of nursing is increasingly focusing on wellness, health promotion, and prevention; community-based clinical sites are helping our nursing students integrate new concepts, discover ways to meet community needs, and identify

their own positions in nursing and society.

BCC Nursing students can choose from a wide variety of community experiences in which to participate. The Nursing Department currently has affiliation agreements with agencies and organizations including Broome Developmental Center, The Center for Adolescents, area schools, Office for the Aging, Southern Tier AIDS Program, and Wegman's Occupational Health Office. Our students are involved in health screening, assessment and health teaching. These experiences provide our students with opportunities for observing health care providers in settings other than acute care. Nursing students have organized health fairs in the community, as well. Last year at BCC's 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration, Nursing students held a pediatric health fair in which children learned about health and wellness. ■

Honor Society Does More than Recognize Academic Excellence

Fifty-seven Broome Community College students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, on November 2 at a ceremony in the college cafeteria.

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes academic excellence in community colleges and provides opportunities for individual growth. All the inductees have minimum 3.5 grade point averages. The four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa are Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship and Service.

The chapter at BCC is very active both on and off campus. They regularly sponsor campus Red Cross blood drives, participate in the community's Cancer Walk in May, and sponsor programs on AIDS, including a poster contest on AIDS Awareness and Prevention for local high school and middle school students.

The students also attended lectures on this year's National Phi Theta Kappa study topic, *The Family: Myth, Metaphor, and Reality*.

A Leadership Development course developed by Phi Theta Kappa ran during the fall 1997 semester — currently there are several leadership workshops open to members and everyone else.

There are more than 1,200 Phi Theta Kappa chapters across the US, Canada and Germany. Since the Society's inception in 1918, 1.2 million students have been inducted.

The following students were inducted last semester:

Carlos Arce
Carol Bailey
Somer Barriger
Linda Beardsley
Lynne Biango-Sisson
Nathan Brink
Petriz Castro
James Collins
Michael Colwell
Michael Cooke
Amy Darling
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Brian Preston
Christine Preston
Cynthia Sayman
Edward Shierly
Marie Shumin
Frederick Simmons
Bart Stenglien
Kamin Thurston
Robert Tierney
Ruth Tingley
Colette Wood
Dena Zimmerman
Holly Zurenda

■ Highlights ■



Gage Sodan, a four-year-old enrollee at the BCCenter, "hangs out" in the Baldwin Gym, with a birds-eye view of the Hornet's Nest. Gage and his friends spent a mid-November day playing in the gym with members of the BCC Men's Basketball team. Gage and the rest of his four-year-old classmates were joined by the three-year-olds and the toddlers from the campus daycare center, playing in the gym.

BCC student wins design competition award

Toby Wood, a second-year Engineering Science major, won Honorable Mention at the 1996-97 National Silverscreen Design Competition. Wood submitted a Computer Aided Design (CAD) drawing of a fishing reel using the 3D CAD/Solid Modeling software. His proficiency with the software helped land him a part-time and summer position as a designer at Universal Instruments.

The winning entries were shown at the Annual Convention of the American Society for Engineering Education in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last June.

BCC Offers Financial Services Degree

The financial industry is changing daily. So is the need for trained and knowledgeable people to work in the financial industry. Broome Community College is responding by adding a new degree program: Financial Services.

Currently there are 23 students working toward the Associates in Applied Science degree (AAS) under coordinator and business professor Glen Wood. In addition to teaching students at BCC, Wood has been a stockbroker for 13 years and has his own Binghamton brokerage firm. As a first-hand observer of the rapidly changing financial world, Wood realized there was a need for trained and licensed people.

The Financial Services program offers a variety of courses including *Life, Accident and Health Insurance; Financial and Risk Management; Real Estate Sales; Banking, Real Estate and Mortgage practicum*, and *Investments*. These classes mirror the trends in the financial world.

"The Banking, Insurance and Securities businesses are going through a metamorphosis," said Wood. "In the past those areas were compartmentalized and individual — now the differences between them are almost nonexistent."

Insurance companies are now offering financial planning services where they once dealt exclusively with health, life or auto insurance. Credit unions, which are nonprofit organizations, are establishing separate corporations (credit union service organizations) to provide financial planning services for fees, and securities companies are offering estate planning and retirement services where they hadn't for the past 10 years.

Students in the new program prepare themselves for the proper licensing exams, and then move directly into the industry. For example, in order to take the state's licensing exam in Life, Accident and Health Insurance, candidates need proof of training. If an insurance company doesn't offer in-house training, employees enroll at BCC and, upon

completion of the curriculum, receive a certificate qualifying them to take the state exam.

"BCC is one of the few training sites for this exam in the state," said Wood.

Students can also prepare for their Securities licenses, Series 6 and 63. BCC's course, *Securities Training Series 6 & 63* specifically prepares students for those exams. As an elective, students can also prepare for the Series 7 exam and receive their Brokerage licenses.

"A student can graduate with a degree and obtain the proper licenses in the Securities field of his or her choice," said Wood. "This makes the student incredibly marketable in the industry."

Wood incorporates the latest information in his class. As well as written information, he brings in subject-matter experts from the various financial fields to talk with the students.

"This gives the students the most current information," said Wood. "It allows students access to a professional who might be able to answer a specific question because of his or her expertise."

As well as bringing professionals into the academic environment, Wood requires students to get into the business environment. The students must complete 120 hours, eight to 10 hours per week per semester, in an internship of their choice before they can graduate. The students are interning at local companies such as A.G. Edwards, Merrill Lynch, Lesko Financial Services and GHS Federal Credit Union. They can also complete a second internship, as an elective.

Wood tapped into the community to put together an advisory board made up of 10 professionals from the banking, securities, real estate, insurance and secondary education fields, to map out the curriculum. The program received accreditation from New York State in April 1997.

"When we received the accreditation from the State, everyone was very excited," said Wood. "I've heard only positive feedback from the college and the community about the program."

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At left: Tim Brink, Broome County Department of Public Works, stirs concrete to finish off the foundation of a new plaza behind the Wales Building. The project is part of an ongoing multi-year project to upgrade the college's walkways and outdoor congregating areas.

FORMER BHS COUNSELOR GIVES BHS STUDENTS A BIG BOOST TO BCC

Bequest of \$425,000 to BCC Foundation will mean new scholarships for BHS students

Judy U. Siggins, Ph.D.

Erma Prentice saw the benefits of higher education and educational opportunity from a special perspective. A 1933 graduate in Physical Education from Cortland's Normal School (now SUNY-Cortland), Erma began her career as an instructor in physical education at East Junior High in Binghamton in 1934. In 1962, she became a girls' guidance counselor at Binghamton Central High School where she remained until she retired in 1972. Many of the students she taught and advised over the years came to BCC and got a wonderful start on the road to success throughout life.

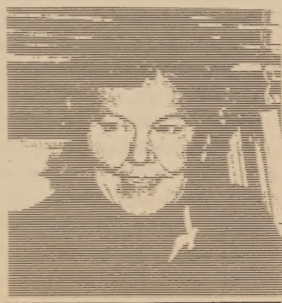
Ms. Prentice passed away on December 29, 1996 at the age of 86. Now, because of her generosity, educational opportunity will be significantly enhanced for Binghamton High School students who need a helping hand to get a college education. In her Will she made a residuary bequest to the Broome Community College Foundation which is expected to total around \$425,000. Her bequest establishes the M. Erma Prentice Memorial Scholarship fund, the income from which will assist Binghamton High School graduates "who [in her words] without financial assistance might be unable to have the advantage of this education."

Foundation Executive Director Dr. Judy Siggins explained that the terms of the Will allow the fund income to be used to assist students with tuition, books, fees or other college costs at BCC. Dr. Siggins said that the Foundation has other special funds and endowments established to assist students from other area high schools as well as some general funds for Broome County students, however, this is the first fund directed particularly at Binghamton High School students, and it will surely help.

According to BCC Admissions Director Anthony Fiorelli, over the past five years on the average about 75 students come to BCC from Binghamton High School each year. With this special financial assistance becoming available that number could now possibly grow. Financial Aid Director Douglas Lukasik points out that this new fund will make a major difference to dozens of BHS graduates every year.

For 1997-98 BCC tuition and fees are about \$2,400. Tuition at BCC has doubled over the past ten years, and today nearly 80% of BCC's students need some financial assistance to be able to enroll, continue and graduate from BCC. Assistance from the BCC Foundation is the only still growing source of outright grant assistance to BCC students. Currently nearly 400 needy students receive grants in aid through the Foundation and nearly 220 more receive merit scholarship support which in some cases is based partly on need.

M. Erma Prentice was born in Binghamton in 1910, an only child who never married. She lived in the family home on Murray Street until her death last winter. Besides her devotion to her students, she was an avid lover of animals and nature. While she left the bulk of her estate to benefit generations of Binghamton High graduates, she left the Prentice family summer home in Windsor to the Southern Tier Wildlife Center to help them preserve and nurture wildlife, maintaining and enhancing the species richness and natural diversity of the area. ♦



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BCC FOUNDATION OFF & RUNNING TOWARDS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR

Lee Ann Simonis, BM '84

I still remember fondly my student days at BCC. It was a wonderful, nurturing environment. I learned a lot about myself, and the world around me. Now, 13 years later, I am a part of BCC again. This time not as a student, but as the new Community Relations Coordinator for the BCC Foundation. In this position I can help others receive the same opportunities I had at BCC.

Shortly after coming back, I asked BCC professors to share with me some student "success stories". The response was great! I knew that BCC played a significant role in the lives of many in our community. But what did strike me was the important role the BCC Foundation has played in helping so many of these students: from those who excel academically, and thrive on the special recognition they receive, to those who need financial support, for tuition, books — virtually everything.

It was evident that, for many, a college education might not have been possible without the financial support received from the BCC Foundation — support that the Foundation raises through an Annual Giving Campaign. Last year was a record-breaking year overall for the Foundation with over \$1,365,000 raised in private contributions. Right now, we are neck-and-neck with last year. Over 100 community volunteers are assisting the Foundation; students and alumni are working on our phonathon, and with their and your help, we are sure to surpass last year's contributions. Gifts raised will help nearly 600 students, over 100 faculty and staff members, and will purchase much needed instructional equipment. In addition, contributions will help enhance every aspect of a student's learning experience at BCC.

While higher education has never been as critical for society as it is today, public dollars supporting the College continue to shrink and the cost of attending continues to increase. The need for support is tremendous — especially for the 80% of BCC students with financial need: students like Charlene Davern. Charlene graduated in

June '97 with High Honors in Liberal Arts, and is one of BCC's most recent success stories. Irene Byrnes, Staff Associate/Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts & Related Careers wrote: "I can personally

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CHARLENE DAVERN, LA '97

attest to Charlene's work ethic and community dedication. Charlene was one of my advisees throughout her tenure at BCC. She was a consummately dedicated non-traditional student who continued to mentor local choirs while pursuing her dream of teaching at the elementary school level. I can tell you from conversations with her that this support meant a great deal, both financially and symbolically. It encouraged Charlene to believe that her hard work was noticed and admired. I am not surprised to hear that SUNY Cortland has awarded her a scholarship as well." Charlene was on the President's list and a member of Phi Theta Kappa (the community college equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa). She received a Dr. Leopold Eckler half-tuition grant-in-aid award, along with 2 merit scholarships: the Broome County Republican Women's Club-Melissa Russell Memorial Scholarship in History, and an Honors Scholarship, all of which were made possible through gifts to the BCC Foundation.

The mother of three boys, Charlene always thought that her career would be as a Mom, but when her oldest son started looking into colleges, that all changed. While she was visiting college campus, an old dream of becoming an elementary school teacher was renewed. With the encouragement of her husband, sons, family and friends, Charlene decided to look into attending

BCC. Charlene said, "From the moment I hit campus, everyone at BCC was positive, supportive and eager to guide me in the right direction. The professors were very intelligent and real. They were always encouraging and available whenever I needed them. They seemed to appreciate the older, non-traditional student. But what was really encouraging was the financial support I received. It helped tremendously, especially since my oldest son (he also received an Eckler scholarship) was also attending BCC. Plus, it was great to receive the recognition for what I had accomplished academically." Today, Charlene can look back on her scrapbook of her experiences at BCC and feel that not only did she obtain a quality, affordable education, but a great start to fulfilling a life-long dream.

For this year's fall segment of the campaign, a local foundation stepped forward to help us. The Stewart W. & Willma C. Hoyt Foundation of Binghamton shares our vision of every student having the opportunity for a quality college education. They offered the BCC Foundation a special \$5,000 challenge grant to stimulate unrestricted support from alumni. They will match every new unrestricted dollar we receive from alumni, up to \$5,000. Unrestricted gifts provide the flexibility to help meet the changing needs of students and the campus.

We are now looking for a Challenger for the spring of 1998! Last year, alumni alone contributed nearly \$93,000 to the annual fund. We are striving to beat that, and you can help. With a new challenge in place for spring 1998 we can meet and exceed our goal! If you are a BCC alum who shares our vision and wants to help keep the alumni challenge alive with a major gift, please call me at (607) 778-5036, or write to BCC Foundation, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902. The sooner we hear from you, the sooner we can start! But, please remember: whether you give \$5,000, or \$5.00, every single dollar makes a difference! A college education continues to be the very best investment that people make in their lives. Your willingness to invest in a BCC student (like Charlene Davern) represents the spirit of giving in the truest sense. Together we can build a brighter future...one student at a time! ♦

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

1950s

Ernest "Skip" Whittle (T057) is retired from Carrier Corp., where he was a territory manager. Skip is now co-owner of Trophies Unlimited in Ocoee, Florida. He recently had the opportunity to meet with Tim Wakefield, pitcher for the Boston Red Sox at his home before a Cecil Fielder Pro-Am Softball Game in Melbourne. Whittle, a former pitcher himself and huge fan of the Boston Red Sox, enjoyed many stories with Wakefield.

1960s

Jack S. Kenney (BT62), is the owner and president of Quantegy, Inc., Peachtree City, Georgia. Jack also owns the Elephant Butte Ranch in Arizona. His wife, Linda, a RN, operates the Neuromuscular Rehabilitation Clinic. They have a daughter and son; Patricia is a salesperson for NetWare and Stephen recently returned from Spain and has a master degree from Kicarney University in Ireland.

Dr. Richard A. Mitchell (LA68), chair and professor of the English/Humanities Department at Alfred State College, has been notified that two of his original poems will be published in forthcoming issues of literary journals. "Lost Again," will appear in The Louisville Review; "Men and Women" will appear in the Cold Spring Review. Dr. Mitchell joined the faculty at Alfred State as associate professor and department chair in 1985. Prior to coming to Alfred, he taught at the State University of New York at Delhi and at North County Community College in Saranac Lake. The Johnson City native earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego, and received a PhD in English from the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Mitchell has been widely published in magazines, journals, and anthologies.

1970s

George E. Totten, Ph.D. (CH70) recently had two books published; "Tribology of Hydraulic Pump Testing" (ASTM) and "Steel Heat Treatment Handbook" (Marcel Dekker). Dr. Totten was recently elected to be a Fellow in ASM International (American Society for Materials). The board of trustees of ASM International states that "the honor of Fellow represents recognition of distinguished contributions in the field of materials science and engineering, and develops a broadly based forum for technical and professional leaders to serve as advisors to the Society." He is a senior research scientist for Union Carbide Corporation in Tarrytown, NY.

Diane Hall Wasser (LA70) graduated with honors in May 1997 from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She has been accepted in the graduate school of Library and Information Sciences at Queens College/City University of New York. She lives with her three children: Amy, Brian and Sarah on Long Island.

Anthony J. Ligouri (LA72) is quite literally an "alum" on the move! Anthony travels to and from his job at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York each weekend

to his home in Vestal, NY. Word has it that he is "a chef in good standing." Last June, Chef Ligouri traveled to California to receive the "Instructor of the Year Award" from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and College of Technology (ACCSC). He has written several culinary articles and has been published by the Associated Press, and is a contributing editor for the "New ProChef Series." This past year, the CIA also honored Anthony by naming him "Employee of the Quarter." He joined the CIA faculty in October 1994. His many awards and accomplishments include being selected "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Jaycees. Anthony has been very involved with his community as a volunteer for Boy Scouts of America, AIDS Quilt Display, WSKG, First Night, and the Leonard Melfi Theatrical Ensemble at Broome Community College. His wife, **Mary Ligouri (RN72)**, is the director of the Health and Wellness Center at BCC.

Sandra N. Strickland (CC77) recently gave birth to a baby boy, Brad Cordell Strickland. Sandra is a child caseworker for the Mental Health Department in Fairmount, NY.

Deborah Wilson (BC79) recently joined Lesko Financial Services in Binghamton as their Chief Financial Officer. Her husband, **Dennis Wilson (BUMA86)**, is a model maker for the IBM Corporation. Debbie and Dennis live in Whitney Point with their two sons, Michael and Dustin.

1980s

Martin A. Klein (LA82) has been appointed assistant principal at Vestal Senior High School. Prior to this time, Martin worked at Chenango Valley High School where he was an administrative intern, assistant high school principal, and assistant to the athletic director. He also taught physical education, and held many coaching positions in baseball, basketball, and football. A SUNY Cortland graduate, he obtained his BS in Education, his MS in PE and in 1996 he earned his certificate of advanced study.

Lee Ann Osborne Simonis (BM84) has been named the Community Relations Coordinator for the Broome Community College Foundation, Inc. She will be working closely with community volunteers and students to raise funds to financially assist needy BCC students. Prior to accepting the position, Lee Ann served as Branch Director of the West Family YMCA. A lifetime resident of Broome County, Lee Ann resides in Binghamton with her husband, Jay, and daughter, Nicole.

Lisa A. Furey Williams (DH83) and **Daniel J. Williams (ES85)** started their own office machine company, EBE Officesource, Inc., in 1986. EBE has grown from a mom-and-pop business to a multi-million dollar organization over the past eleven years. EBE employs 12 people and has recently acquired a second building to house its technical support functions and warehouse. After graduation from BCC, Daniel worked for Savin Corporation. His responsibilities at Savin gave him the knowledge necessary to start

EBE Officesource, Inc. Lisa worked as a dental hygienist for three years after graduation. She left her job in 1986 to work on sales and marketing for EBE. Lisa says that BCC instructor Dottie Wager's "insistence on striving to do my best" has had a significant influence on her life. Besides striving to provide excellent service to customers, the Williamses also are involved in numerous community activities and give many hours of time to charitable organizations.

Staff Sergeant **Steven T. Burke (LA85)**, was recently mentioned in a **US News & World Report** article captioned "The family-friendly, 'Care Bear' Army." The article reads, in part: "After Steven Burke finished boot camp 12 years ago, the Army trained him for one of its key combat jobs: tank crewman. Last year his commanders in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood Texas, decided they needed him on another front: financial counseling. Instead of practicing gunnery, Staff Sergeant Burke now spends his days explaining the basics of banking to young recruits, helping overdrawn soldiers get out of hock, and guiding family members through financial emergencies while spouses are thousands of miles away. Burke is one of a new breed of counselor-warriors helping reduce strains caused by the busy pace of peacekeeping, humanitarian, drug-busting, and other operations. Modern military demographics complicate the problem: The Army's 495,000 soldiers support 474,999 children. And nearly two thirds of the soldiers are married. The commanding general has appointed 77 financial counselors like Burke, one for each battalion. Commanders report fewer financially strapped soldiers since Burke & Co. hung their shingles. More attention paid to families has coincided with lower rates of spousal abuse, child abuse, and drug-related incidents. The results are encouraging enough that officials from other bases have come to Fort Hood to study the program."

Patrick J. Rose (ES86) was promoted to a partner and vice president at RDH Consultants, Inc. Patrick has been employed at RDH Consultants, Inc. since 1990 as an electrical design engineer. In his new job, he will assume the additional responsibilities of new client development, quality assurance and new business ventures. He has a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and is a 1989 graduate of the University of North Carolina. RDH Consultants, Inc. is an electrical engineering and design firm specializing in the application of electrical power distribution, controls, instrumentation and programming for industry. ♦

To submit an item for "Alumni on the Move," please send it to:
Alumni Affairs Director
Broome Community College
P.O. Box 1017
Binghamton, NY 13902
Remember to include your graduation year!

In Memoriam

Roger L. Emmons (ET57) died March 20, 1997. His wife, Helen D. Emmons, his children and 11 grandchildren, stepchildren and four step-grandchildren survive him. Roger was a licensed master electrician in the Triple Cities.

David R. Sweet (BT61) passed away March 5, 1997. His wife, Janice, two daughters, Lisa and Michelle, his mother, Dawn Sweet and two sisters, Priscilla and Cynthia survive David. He was a member of the MG Club, a former Rotarian and retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 1993.

Ronald F. Williams (BT76) died unexpectedly March 5, 1997. His wife, Nancy; two daughters, Suzanne and Annette; and his parents, John and Catherine Williams, survive him. He was a member of the Vestal United Methodist Church, a retired 33 year employee of the IBM Corporation and a member of the Quarter Century Club; and veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Robert M. Bridges (BT66), died April 7, 1997. His mother, Margaret Bridges, one sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Leo Hubik, and one brother, Tom Bridges survive him.

Helen L. Buemi (CC75), died April 19, 1997 after an extended illness. Her husband, Joseph Buemi and two sisters, Mrs. Jan Nieta and Mrs. June Kemmerer survive her. She was a retired teacher and a coordinator of the Opportunities for Broome Head Start Program. She was a member of John Hus Presbyterian Church. She was very dedicated to her Head Start children and was a talented writer, having had several articles published.

Donald James Newman (IT71), of Hunters Len in Delray, NJ died on May 4, 1997 after a brief illness. His wife, Mary Kochis Newman; three daughters, Sally Buckner, Donna Elliott, Marie Howard; and his son, Rev. Bruce Newman and nine grandchildren survive him. Mr. Newman had been employed by RCA in Mount Laurel and Camden, NJ for 22 years and retired in 1992.

Hilda E. (Rising) Wurtenberg (BT72), passed away on May 4, 1997. She was employed by N.V.C.S. as District Treasurer for 27 years. She was a 50-year member of the Onyx Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her husband Raymond survives her, daughters Marge Purple, Mary Lou Katehuk, Jane Lee, sons Angelo, David, 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

William A. Shramek (ET51), died May 11, 1997 in Manchester, NH after a long illness. William retired from the General Electric Co., as a reliability engineer, after 38 years of service. His wife, Janet; three sons, Mark, Robert and Scott survive him.

Patricia Jean Taylor Hitchcock (MO63) died unexpectedly May 15, 1997 in Kuwait. Her husband, David L. Hitchcock, Sr., two sons, David and Christopher, all survive her. She had been employed at the Institute for Private Education in Kuwait and was a life member of Beta Sigma Phi International.

Dennis C. Sadonis (PE76) died June 5, 1997 from injuries received in an accident in North Carolina. A native of Endicott, Mr. Sadonis resided in Liverpool for 11 years. He was a 19-year employee of IBM and presently was a program manager for Worldwide Sales Force Automation Reengineering Project of PC Company IBM in Raleigh. His wife, Denise Sadonis, a daughter, Lindsey, two sons, Brian and Tyler and his brother, Gary, survive him.

Richard F. "Dick" Fitzpatrick (PE71) died at his residence after a brief illness, June 15, 1997. His wife, Antoinette Fitzpatrick, and one brother, James Fitzpatrick, survive him. He was a 19-year employee of the Broome County Sheriff's Dept. Also a ten-year employee of Broome Community College, Dick taught Criminal Justice Education. Dick was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Bernadette G. "Betti" Charsky (LA72) died June 21, 1997 at her home after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Stephen Charsky, Hillcrest; her daughter, Mary Frances Charsky; her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Valerie Charsky, San Carlos, Calif. She was a member and Eucharistic minister at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Hillcrest; Eucharistic minister at Wilson Memorial Hospital; member of the secular Franciscan order. She was involved with the tithing ministry and a CCD teacher at St. Catherine's Church, graduate of Binghamton University, retired 33-year employee of Broome County and a US Navy WAVE during WWII.

Joseph M. Lynch (BC84), died unexpectedly Monday, June 23, 1997 at his home. Joseph was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Antoinette Lynch. Surviving Joseph is his Aunt Camilla Delsandro. Mr. Lynch was a US Air Force veteran, serving during Vietnam, and was also a graduate of Niagara University.

Gregory George Kostun (BT64) died Saturday, July 5, 1997. A sister Olga Kozak, Binghamton; two brothers and their wives, John and Pauline Kostun, Frank Jr. and Elizabeth Kostun, survive him. He was a member of St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church and a retired employee of the Anitec Image Corporation, Binghamton.

John G. Goodwin, Sr. (BM77), died July 18, 1997 after a short illness. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps. Survivors are his wife Robin W. Goodwin and two sons. John was a former resident of Hinesville, GA.

Leonard H. Reynolds (ET59) died unexpectedly at his summer home, August 1, 1997. His wife, Barbara Reynolds, one daughter, Debbie Len Richards and three grandchildren survive him.

R. Patrick Curry (BT66), of Johnson City and previously of Washington, DC, died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 6, 1997, as a result of an automobile accident. His mother, Mary M. Curry, predeceased him. ♦

New Curricula Address Substance Abuse and Issues of Aging

Two major concerns of contemporary society were addressed when Broome Community College added academic programs concerning aging and alcohol/substance abuse.

Gerontology

The Human Services Department has added a curriculum for Gerontology, the study of aging and the aging process, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling, geared toward students who want to work as addiction counselors or as treatment center employees.

"We were getting hundreds of inquiries about the programs over the last several years," said Margherita Rossi, chairperson of the Psychology, Education and Human Services Department. "We did a needs assessment and contacted organizations in the community to see if there was a need for trained people, what their personnel needs were, and whether there were entry-level jobs available."

Francis Battisti, BCC's lead faculty for the Gerontology program, explained that "by the year 2000, 34.8 million Americans will be over the age of 65. It is projected that by the year 2020, 52 million Americans will be over the age of 65. We need to be very sensitive to gerontological needs of the population."

The program leads to an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, and incorporates material from a variety of disciplines to expose students to the physiological, social, emotional, cognitive, economic, and service needs of the adult who is growing older. Graduates will transfer to the increasing number of baccalaureate programs in gerontology, or go on to further study in social work, human services, counseling or public health.

The students are trained in counseling, listening, and interviewing skills; program planning and coordination; applying theory to real situations in a variety of settings; and facilitating solution and alleviating problems that confront

older adults.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling

Studies have shown there are more than 20 million Americans suffering from problem drinking and alcoholism. Many others are dependent on prescription or illegal drugs. Alcohol and drug dependency is one of today's greatest health problems.

When local organizations such as United Health Services, New Horizons, and FairView Recovery Services, Inc. were questioned about the need for an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling program, their responses were positive with regard to the need for trained professionals.

Jacqueline Shrader serves as BCC's lead faculty for the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling program, which leads to an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. Students graduate with specialized knowledge in alcohol and drug abuse, and prevention and treatment; they learn individual, group and family counseling techniques, and serve internships.

"Alcohol and substance abuse are some of our core issues in society," said Shrader. "We should be responsible for educating people who want to get into the field."

The graduates are prepared for entry-level counselor positions in alcohol and substance abuse facilities and employee assistance programs, and as prevention/education specialists in school settings.

The program partially fulfills requirements for the New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), a credential which provides more career and employment options for the graduate.

"That credential is highly desired by the profession and by employers," said Rossi. "The educational coursework within the curriculum prepares them for the exam." ■

■ Highlights ■



BCC ended the summer and began the school year with a Summer Carnival early last August. When the new student orientation finished, the carnival kicked into high gear. A college committee worked throughout the summer to coordinate the four-day event. The main parking lot was filled with rides the whole family could enjoy, such as: the Rock-O-Wheel, Scat, Round-Up, Super Swings and the Sizzler. All the proceeds from Summer Carnival 1997 benefited BCC's 13 varsity athletic programs.

BCC First of Its Kind in Engineering Society

Once again Broome Community College has taken the lead, locally and nationally.

In the spring semester 1997, BCC became the first community college in the country to have a recognized student chapter of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

BCC joined six other prestigious student chapters: Purdue University (first-ever student chapter), North Carolina State University, University of Washington, Virginia Polytechnic, University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"It's very exciting to be able to bring the nation to BCC and BCC to the nation," said Sophomore Angela Cocozzella, BCC ASEE Chairperson. "Becoming a member of a national engineering society is an industry standard for employed engineers. We are one step ahead of everyone else since we're doing it while still students."

The purpose of the student chapter is to promote and develop an interest in engineering, engineering technology, engineering design and engineering education and cooperation among disciplines and people.

"There's a great value in being able to learn from others," said Cocozzella.

The other officers of BCC's ASEE student chapter are: Vice-Chairperson Joseph Husband, Secretary April Rawluszki, Treasurer August Wolf and Faculty Advisor William C. Beston.

BCC's engineering students regularly participate in a national design competition for two-year colleges, and in other contests in which they can demonstrate their developing talents. ■

Murray Block Named Acting VPAA

Last November, Dr. Murray Block was named Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs at Broome Community College.

Dr. Block replaced Bryan Blanchard, who left the college on November 3 to become Executive Vice President and Provost for the University of Maine at Augusta.

College President Donald A. Dellow announced that a full national search has begun to replace Dr. Blanchard. In the interim, Dr. Block serves as Vice President supervising the college's three academic divisions: Liberal Arts, Business, and Applied Sciences.

Since retiring in 1983 as Deputy to the Chancellor of the State University of New York, Dr. Block has remained active by serving SUNY in a number of interim administrative posts. He has been Acting President at Orange County Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College, and the College of Environmental Science and Forestry. In 1987-88 he was Acting President at BCC, prior to the appointment of President Dellow.

Dr. Block earned his undergraduate degree at the City College of CUNY and his advanced degrees from Columbia University. ■

Tech Prep Prepares High-Schoolers for BCC Degree Programs

Fifty-six students were enrolled at Broome Community College in Fall 1997 as part of the Tech Prep program.

Tech Prep is a consortium of eleven school districts, two BOCES, and BCC. The purpose of the initiative is to offer instructional methodology emphasizing application rather than theoretical presentation, in a seamless set of courses from 9th grade through the first two years of college.

The curriculum includes core courses in mathematics, science, communications, and, when appropriate, technology.

After graduating from high school, a student's Tech Prep background allows him or her to enter one of BCC's programs without further preparatory courses.

Tech Prep has grown from 800 high school students in 1993 (its first year) to 3,700 in 1997. And, in May of this year, the first "Tech Prep class" of 45 students will graduate from BCC.

When asked for an appraisal of

the Tech Prep effort to date, and BCC's involvement in it, Dean of Applied Sciences Julie Peacock said, "Broome Community College and the high schools in our Tech Prep consortium have made tremendous progress on the development of curriculum in the last six years. Students taking the Applied Academics courses developed through our joint efforts, such as *Applied Mathematics I-IV* and *Principles of Technology I and II*, are achieving the high standards our joint faculty expect. They are earning Regents credit for their coursework, while maintaining an interest in learning. The six-year "maps" we have developed for students lead from their 9th grade courses in the high school through their Associate degrees at BCC. Students can enter our state and nationally accredited programs in Engineering Technology, Health Sciences, Business, or Liberal Arts curricula, and be assured of the skills they need to become successful graduates of those programs." ■



Coffee and Art to Go, Please

As the month of October rolled through with its gray clouds and cold temperatures, the cozy confines of Java Joe's, State Street's Greenwich Village-style coffeehouse, was the home of Broome Community College's Fall Art Show.

Both students and faculty exhibited works that covered the brick walls of the trendy lunch spot. The show featured 60 pieces executed in a wide range of media, including black and white photography, collage, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, etching, color photography, mixed media, linocut, monoprint, colored pencil, oils, pencil and wash, silverpoint, conté pencil, and gouache.



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"College is a place to grow," he said. "Not only intellectually, but personally. The students should be able to use those skills they develop in the classroom in a variety of other activities on campus."

BCC's Student Government

Association also set up a table at orientation, and Mandi Weber, SGA president, took questions. "I was there to let new students know that there is more to school," said Weber, a Marketing, Management and Sales student. "Since there aren't dorms here,

the clubs are what allow for more social interaction."

"One of the things I try to get across," said Battisti, "is that each student is responsible for creating his or her own future — and that the college and the student are partners in that future." ■

Travel and Tourism Students Learn and Work in the Community

As part of their coursework in *Destination/Convention Marketing and Management*, 18 Broome Community College students are facilitating a marketing survey of visitors to the Triple Cities area. For one complete school year, students are spending one week per month at 10 area hotels, gathering information.

The survey results outline what attractions visitors saw and how they found out about them, their opinions of the hotel's staff, the

value they received during their stay and how safe they felt in Binghamton.

"Working on the survey enabled me to look at things more critically from a visitor's point-of-view," student Paula Laramour said.

"Working with the survey has allowed me to see other people's perspectives," student Harry Lockwood said. "Visitors really notice the people who meet them first. That's the lasting impres-

sion they have of the area. I wouldn't have had the opportunity to see things the visitor's way if I wasn't working on the survey."

The educational benefits the students receive go hand-in-hand with the professional benefits. The students are getting a first-hand look at what's involved in attracting outside groups and functions to the area, at what a Convention/Visitors Bureau does, and at the process of planning

meetings.

"I'm able to observe professionals doing the job, then use that experience in the classroom," said Lockwood.

Joan Bandurchin is coordinator of BCC's Travel and Tourism program. "The students are out meeting the people they could be working for in the community. One of the things the students are doing while working on the survey is networking, which is crucial in the travel and tourism

industry," she said.

Travel and tourism is America's largest service export, third largest retail sales industry and one of the country's largest employers. Last year, expenditures from domestic and international travelers totaled more than \$473 billion. The industry employs approximately 15.8 million people with \$121.6 billion in payroll. Tourism is New York State's second largest industry with an economic impact of \$46 billion per year. ■

Agencies Offer Students Real-World Learning

On October 30th, Broome Community College students had the opportunity to set up internships with not-for-profit agencies in the community at the 2nd Annual Community Internship Fair. Representatives from approximately 30 not-for-profit groups were in the Atrium of the Applied Technology Building talking with students about their organizations and the intern opportunities available to students.

The internship fair was open to all BCC students. But for the more than 20 students enrolled in the community internship course (CTP 275) the Fair had particular interest. The purpose of CTP 275 is to match students with not-for-profit agencies. A successful internship (one

reviewed and graded by the BCC instructor and agency representative) results in three academic credits for the student.

The internship also serves two other purposes for the students. First they allow the student to validate his or her career goals by seeing firsthand what the job and organization are about. And, the students give something back to the community: they are volunteering their time, effort and educational background to the community organization of their choice.

The following organizations were committed for internships in the spring semester:

- Probe
- Southern Tier Alzheimer's Association
- United Health Services
- First Night
- Susquenango Council (Boy Scouts)
- Broome County YMCA
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network
- Binghamton University Campus Pre-School
- Binghamton City School District
- Veterans Service Center
- Salvation Army
- Southern Tier Chapter of the Red Cross
- The Family and Children's Society
- Mental Health Association
- Finch Hollow Nature Center
- Broome County Department of Social Services
- YESCAP
- Volunteers of America

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BCC's Dream Field

On September 23, Broome Community College hosted a "Ballpark Luncheon" for the Broome County workers who cooperated to "move a mountain" in Phase I of building BCC a new baseball field. The new field is located at the rear of the college, just below the new Public Safety Facility.

The project was unique in that it involved several county departments working together to provide the BCC ballplayers with a new field: Parks, Public Works, Solid Waste, and Soil and Water Departments were all participants.

The Project Site Supervisor was Michael Restino, DPW; the Project Coordinator was William Barber, Deputy County Executive; and the BCC Coordinator was Richard Armstrong, Director of Campus Operations.

At left, Jan Brzozowski, head of the survey crew for Broome County, gets a hug from Stinger in appreciation for his work in completing Phase I of the new baseball field construction. Below, massive earth-moving machines "moved a mountain" during construction this summer and fall.



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Corporate Challengers

The BCC Team won the first place trophy for the medium division of the 1997 Manly's/YMCA Corporate Challenge.

Pictured from left to right in the first row: Rebecca Bennett, Dr. Dellow (with trophy), Judy Watson. Second row: Mary Ligouri, Pat Cacciola, Karan Drum, Liz Carter, Tom Carter, Pat Williams. Third Row: Carol Guiton, Alan Bennett, Brendan Flynn, David Maslar, Laura Evans, Joe Husband, April Rawluszki.

Not pictured: Alan Katz, Regina Kelley, Cheryl Trick, Elizabeth Klipsch, Dirk Elliott, Robert Woods, Richard Armstrong, Francis Battisti, Bryan Blanchard, Helen Battisti, John McCauley, Rick Armstrong, Jr., Pam Pasquale, Jennifer Vallone, and Helinka.

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for Tots campaign.

Many of the groups brought toys appropriate to the organization giving the donations. The Basketball teams offered basketballs, while the Theatre Department provided dress-up clothes. Phi Theta Kappa — a BCC honor society — contributed puzzles and games, the Foundation Office donated piggy-banks, and toy doctor kits were given by the Medical Assisting Club.

"The event provides a wonderful sense of collegiality on campus," according to David Maslar, BCC Director of Student Activities and organizer of the event. "Students, faculty, and staff all contribute. Even the kids from the BCCenter, our campus day care center, get involved."

The Giving of the Toys also offers students a chance to get involved in the community, and emphasizes BCC's role. "It's important for us as students to recognize our impact on the community and for us to take care of each other, especially this time of year," according to Amanda Jones, Student Government Vice President for Academic Concerns. ■

Men's Lacrosse Given Varsity Status

The BCC Athletics Department has elevated men's lacrosse to the varsity intercollegiate level, as of Spring 1998. The sport has been sponsored as a club team for the past 10 years. Dan Minch, Director of Athletics, announced that the Hornets would play a 10-game schedule in their initial year as a varsity sport. The Hornets will play in the Mid-State Athletic Conference and on the NJCAA Division III level.

Gary Jackson, who has coached the club team for the past four years, was named head coach for the spring of 1998.

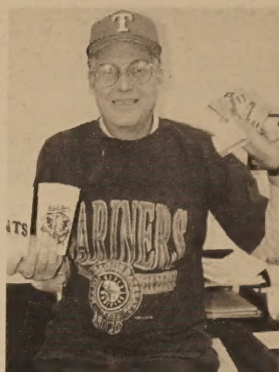
"We have been considering the move for quite some time," said Minch. "The interest has always been there, but lack of funding and facilities prevented us from making the move sooner. We are hopeful that we will be able to establish a facility for practice and games in the near future. Until then, we will play the majority of our games on the road or at local sites, which are still to be determined."

Minch also said that once lacrosse is established, he will be looking at adding several women's sports over the next few years. Women's lacrosse, tennis, and golf are all possibilities. ■

Al Bennett: Baseball Fan Extraordinaire

As a kid, Alan Bennett went to professional baseball games at Ebbitt's Field, the Polo Grounds, the old Yankee Stadium, and Shea Stadium, to watch the Brooklyn Dodgers, NY Giants, Yankees and Mets respectively. Then he went to college in Massachusetts and found himself a regular fixture at Fenway Park, watching the Boston Red Sox.

After he began working at BCC as a counselor in the college's Student Counseling and Career Center, Bennett regularly attended the National Conference for International Educators (NAFSA), which was scheduled in a different city each year. When each conference was over, he'd go to a ballgame. After years of attending the NAFSA Conferences, he's seen professional baseball games in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium, Minnesota's Metro Dome, Chicago's Wrigley Field and both Comiskey Parks, St. Louis' Busch Stadium, Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium, San Francisco's Candlestick Park,



Alan Bennett, BCC's acting Director of Counseling and Student Development Center, displays some of his memorabilia from the numerous Major League Baseball games he's attended.

Anaheim's Stadium and Florida's Joe Roby Stadium.

He's also planned family vacations to include games at ballparks not covered during conferences, such as Houston's AstroDome, Arlington, Texas' Ballpark at Arlington, Cleveland's Jacob's Field (both old and new), Seattle's KingDome, Philadelphia's Veterans'

Stadium, Milwaukee's County Stadium, Colorado's Mile High Stadium and Coors Field, Toronto's SkyDome and Baltimore's Memorial Field and Camden Yards.

Now, some 15 years later, Bennett needs four ballparks to complete his "life list": Montreal's Olympic Stadium, Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, Kansas City's Kauffman Stadium Field and Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

"Baseball is my favorite sport," said Bennett. "I always like seeing a game in person."

As BCC's resident expert on baseball parks, Bennett generously provided *BCC News* readers his Best/Worst list:

Best Hotdog: Milwaukee's County Stadium. **Worst Hotdog:** NY Met's Shea Stadium.

Best Beer: Colorado's Coors Field. **Worst Beer:** St. Louis' Busch Stadium.

Best stadium to watch a game: (tie) Chicago's Wrigley Field, Texas' Ballpark at Arlington and Houston's AstroDome. **Worst**

stadium to watch a game: Seattle's KingDome.

Best Service: Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium. **Worst Service:** New York's Yankee Stadium

Best Uniforms: Baltimore Orioles. **Worst Uniforms:** Houston Astros (Early to mid-1980s with rainbow stripes), Pittsburgh Pirates (Mid- to late 1970s with stovepipe hats)

Best Game seen: (tie), 1964 World Series in Yankee Stadium with Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. (Bob Gibson pitching for St. Louis) or 1956 World Series with Brooklyn Dodgers playing New York Yankees at Ebbitt's Field.

Best Sushi: Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium. **Worst Sushi:** Any other baseball park that actually serves it.

Most professional athletes have certain rituals before games. Baseball players are notorious for rituals and Bennett, as a professional fan, is no different.

"I always get to the park early and sit in different areas of the parks," said Bennett. "I'll start in right field and keep moving

around to get a different perspective.

"And I'll always buy a hat, tee-shirt and keep my ticket stub."

But, his sojourns around parks haven't kept him in just the seats. While in college, one of his friend's brothers was part of the Yankees organization, and Bennett was able to get into the Yankees' dugout before the game.

Yet, despite all the places he has been, his daughter Robyn has been one place Bennett hasn't — at home plate in a Major League ballpark. While she was in high school, Robyn sang with a choir that performed the National Anthem in Philadelphia's Veterans' Stadium.

"The neat thing about that," said Bennett, "was, not only did she sing the National Anthem at a major league game, but it was the last game before the 1994 strike."

With the major leagues expanding to Arizona and Tampa Bay next season, there are now two more parks added to his list.

"It's a never-ending journey," BCC's Number One Fan sighed happily. ■

BCC Helps Boot Up Urban League Computers

Broome Community College staff, faculty and students have collaborated with the Broome County Urban League to put together two new computer centers for Urban League members. The two computer centers will allow economically disadvantaged and minority people opportunity to bring their computer skills up to date.

One of the new centers is the Carroll Street Computer Learning Center, located at the Urban League office. The Urban League received a \$12,000 grant from BSB Corporation to outfit the Learning Center with computers, and a \$4,000 grant from the Lillian Briggs Foundation for furnishings.

The Learning Center is equipped with eight personal computers — six 166 MHz Pentiums and two 200 MHz Pentiums — and two printers. All the computers are loaded with

Office 97 and *Quicken* software. Plans also call for Internet access from all computers. In conjunction with Alice McNeely, coordinator of BCC's Teaching Resource Center, BCC Interior Design students suggested possible floor plans, furniture, and a color scheme for the

Learning Center.

"The purpose of the grant was to allow parents and children of the Urban League to become familiar with computers," said Grant Newton, BCC's Associate Vice President for Information Resources. Newton worked with the League as a consultant on

equipment purchasing.

The challenge now is deciding what types of learning programs the Center will offer.

"We're considering an after-school program for children ages six through 12," said Doug Gamar. He is chairperson of History/Social Sciences at BCC, and a member of the Urban League Board of Directors. "We're also looking at one program for teens, and another for adults, to help get them back to work. Within three to six months all the programs should be fleshed out."

The other new facility is the Technology Center, to be housed on the first floor of a new, three-story building. The Binghamton Housing Authority has received a block grant from the City of Binghamton for construction of the new building, scheduled for completion this fall.

The Center will feature a 25-person computer lab, two staff PCs, two PCs for job searches and resume preparation, laser printers, ink jet printers, a

photocopier, and a fax machine.

The Broome County Urban League has received a \$200,000 grant from Bell Atlantic and the National Urban League for equipment, personnel management, and staff at the Center. The Technology Center is one of two pilot projects of the National Urban League; the other is in Boston.

This spring, an interim Technology Center will open in the Broome County Urban League's library on Carroll St., and will house a 15-station computer lab.

BCC's McNeely acted as go-between for the BCC personnel involved in the project, the Urban League, and Janna Lutovsky, an educational consultant helping the Urban League develop the Technology Center.

In addition to staff, faculty, and student expertise, the College has awarded the Urban League \$3,000 to be applied to computer literacy efforts. ■



Grant Newton, BCC's Associate Vice President for Information Resources, helps Peter Marin, Urban League computer tutor, and Doris Young, Urban League Administrative Assistant, as they get started with new computer equipment.

BCC Sports Teams Soar

With 14 Broome Community College student-athletes named to 1997 Mid-State Athletic Conference teams, two coaches selected Conference Coach of the Year, 10 student-athletes named to All Region III teams, a Regional Tournament Most Valuable Player and a Conference Runner of the Year, it's hard to categorize BCC's fall sports teams as anything but sensational.

The buzz of the Athletic Department was the Men's Soccer Team, which posted a 16-2-2 record for the 1997 campaign. Led by Conference Coach of the Year Al LaBarbera, the Hornets went right to the Conference final.

"I knew that if we played as a team, we'd be there in the end," said LaBarbera. "This was the deepest team I've had in the last three years. I was very comfortable going to the bench."

At the final, they faced nationally ranked and unbeaten Herkimer Community College. On a nasty day in early November, the two teams squared off. Herkimer had given the Hornets their only blemish during the regular season, with a 1-0 win in Herkimer. And again in the final, Herkimer notched a 1-0 victory to end the Hornets' amazing season.

"I had a great core of kids who knew how to win," said LaBarbera.

The best example of the team's desire to win was the Conference semifinal game that BCC won



BCC's Paul Battisti "heads" the ball against Corning. Men's Soccer went right to the Conference final, with Conference Coach of the Year Al LaBarbera.

1-0 in a shoot-out. Or maybe it was the 4-3 come-from-behind win over SUNY Alfred that really displayed the true character of the Hornets. Or it might have been the 3-2 overtime win against Clinton Community College six days later.

Whatever it was, this Hornet team wouldn't be denied. And the post-season awards, voted on by opposing coaches in the Conference and the Region, proved how much they were respected.

Co-Captains Joe Mooney and Chris Grafton led a long list of BCC soccer players on the All-Conference Team. That list also included Chris Benjamin, Rob Wark, Paul Battisti, Shaun Jaycox and Bob Jennings.

When the All-Region selections came out, Mooney was named to the First Team, with Benjamin, Wark, and Battisti making the Second Team. Goaltender Grafton was named the Regional Tournament's Most Valuable

Player. And lastly, Mooney and Benjamin received nominations for All-American.

Not to be upstaged by the men's team, the women's team posted a 10-6 record, with three Hornets on the All-Conference Team and four on the All-Region Team.

"The women worked hard all season," said first-year head coach Bill Rich. "They were dedicated to the team, to the game and to each other."

Named to the All-Conference Team were Melissa Korosec, Jaime Slavetskis and Sybil Gregory. Korosec and Slavetskis were also named to the First Team All-Region Team, while Elishia Perkins and Gregory were named to the Honorable Mention Team. Korosec also received an All-American nomination.

One of the team's highlights this season was winning the BCC Tournament for the first time. The Hornets knocked off Niagara

CC 4-0 and Jamestown CC 3-0 for their first tournament win.

The team posted seven shut-outs during the season. Of the six losses, three were by only one goal, and one in double-overtime.

Conference Coach of the Year Dawn Kenyon led the Women's Volleyball Team. The Hornets saw four players on the All-Conference Team: Tenille Testani, Kelly Armstrong, Rachel Sailer and Martine Greco. Testani and Armstrong were also selected to the All-Region Third Team.

Cross-Country running doesn't usually get a lot of

attention, but Alecia Brown changed that. In her first meet, the BCC Invitational, she placed second overall and set a new school record — then reeled off four first-place finishes, including the Midstate Conference Championships, where she was named the Conference Runner of the Year. At the Regional meet, she placed third overall, and was named to the First Team All-Region Team. Her time at the Regional meet, 19:53, was more than one minute and a half better than her time in the BCC Invitational. ■

College Hosts American Indian Festival

In early October, Broome Community College's Applied Technology building's Atrium was filled with the heritage of American Indian culture. BCC's Ecology Club and Iroquois Studies Association co-sponsored the Otsiningo Harvest of the Arts American Indian Festival. Indian reservations from the northeast and southwest were represented through arts and crafts exhibits, food, paintings, dancing and music.

Native American foods were served, including buffalo burgers, buffalo stew over wild rice, Indian tacos, corn soup and fry bread.

Bill Crouse and the Allegany River Indian Dancers demonstrated Iroquois dancing. Dan Hill, nationally renowned Cayuga flutist, played each day.

As an added attraction, the festival featured the local premiere of the film, *Power: One River, Two Nations*, the story of the James Bay Cree Indians' struggle against Hydro-Quebec. ■

Below, Autumn Crouse, a member of the Allegany River Indian Dancers, enthralled the crowd at the Otsiningo Harvest of the Arts American Indian Festival.



Martine Greco spikes one for BCC. Women's Volleyball saw four players on the All-Conference Team, and Coach Dawn Kenyon named Conference Coach of the Year.